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## **New organizations to be recognized during ceremony**

**U.S. ARMY ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD** – The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command will be re-designated, and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Chemical Materials Agency and Guardian Brigade will be organized during a transformation ceremony Oct. 9, 10 a.m., on Fanshaw Field, located in the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Gen. Paul J. Kern, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, will host the historic ceremony.

AMC's mission is to provide superior technology, acquisition support and logistics to ensure dominant land-force capability for the United States and its allies. Toward that end, AMC is transforming its structure, improving business processes and building a work force for the future.

The U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command's mission is to develop and field technologies for the Army. RDECOM was provisionally established on Oct. 1, 2002.

The Chemical Materials Agency combines the Army's chemical stockpile demilitarization and storage functions under a single entity. CMA was provisionally established on Oct. 1, 2002.

The Guardian Brigade will provide the Army with a specialized and tailored response force in the event of an attack involving the use of weapons of mass destruction. It also will provide a more effective and responsive command and control of chemical and biological operational assets, eliminate redundancies, and more closely manage unique and limited resources. In addition, it will deploy responders supporting DoD, federal, state, and local agencies to prevent, contain, stabilize or terminate a WMD incident.

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